

# The carknob song

1 Come blooming youth in the midst of day  
Stand see how soon some pass a way  
There was two men worked with us here  
What become of them you soon shall hear

2 They worked all day untill evening tide  
Before the ground it made a slide  
At fifty minuts after five  
They was healthy men and yet a live

3 Before the whistle blowed for six  
Their die was cast their doom was fixt  
The rocks and dirt came tumbling down  
And under it those men was found

4 Both cold and dead and could not live  
For god had took the spark he give  
They was brought to the top a dreadful sight  
How lonsome was that Tuesday night

5 Poor Shirley and Smith how much we miss  
Them round the carknob to day  
We hope they are gone to a world of bliss  
But none of us we cannot say

6 But with the Lord there is nothing strange  
He can there hearts in a moment change  
We hope he did their hearts renew  
And receive them in that heavenly crew

7 Poor Shirley had a wife and children dear  
And Smith had a mother this muse to hear  
We hope they are all far consolation  
Read and brieve Johns Revelation

8 That says the dead will one day rise  
And saints will mount the upper skies  
And sing with angels and a dore  
Where friends that meets will parts no more

9 Let us take heed when the scripture say  
That we must watch as well as pray  
For in an hour when least is thought  
The summons of death it may be brought

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